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Assessment of buildings in the Tellicherry Municipality.

* 114 *Q.*—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from Sri P. K. Madhavan, Municipal Councillor, Tellicherry, dated 14th January 1954, regarding certain irregularities in the imposition of taxes in the Tellicherry Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Two petitions, dated 15th December 1953, and the 28th February 1954, alleging favouritism and partisanship on the part of the Commissioner and the Manager of the Tellicherry Municipality were received by Government from the Municipal Councillor, Sri P. K. Madhavan, and it was alleged therein that the officers had underassessed certain buildings in the municipality. The matter was investigated and the Government considered that action was necessary in respect of certain of the allegations. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has been requested to take further action in the matter. The Commissioner of the Municipality has since been transferred from Tellicherry and the new Commissioner has been requested to exercise effective supervision and check over the work of the Manager and to take suitable disciplinary action against him, if necessary."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether the Government will supply to the hon. Members of the House a copy of the findings of the enquiry officer? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It is not necessary."

Arrests made in connexion with agrarian unrest in Chidambaram taluk.

* 115 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons were arrested and kept under custody in the Chidambaram Sub-Jail during the Kisan trouble at Chidambaram in 1953 ; and

(*b*) how long the prisoners were kept under custody in that sub-jail?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) I am answering the question on the assumption that the hon. Member is referring to the arrests made in connexion with agrarian unrest that prevailed in Chidambaram taluk and some other places of South Arcot district during the earlier half of the year 1953. The total number of persons who were arrested and kept in custody in the Sub-jail, Chidambaram, during this period was ninety-nine. Out of these 44 were under custody for two days, 40 for four days and the remaining 15 for forty days."